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SUBJECT: DANISH AMBASSADOR CALLS ON UNDER SECRETARY SISCO

1. DANISH AMBASSADOR BARTELS CALLED, AT HIS REQUEST, ON UNDERSECRETARY SISCO MARCH 15 FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON MIDDLE EAST AND US-EC RELATIONS. BARTELS ALSO RAISED ATLANTIC SALMON ISSUE. SISCO BEGAN BY NOTING THAT ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER EBAN WOULD ARRIVE AT DEPARTMENT SHORTLY. THIS VISIT REPRESENTED AFTERMATH OF SECRETARY'S LATEST MIDDLE EAST TRIP AND ALSO, WE HOPED, BEGINNING OF A PROCESS OF DISCUSSION ON ISRAELI-SYRIAN DISENGAGEMENT. WE HOPED THIS WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY FURTHER TALKS WITH ISRAEL AND SUBSEQUENTLY THE SYRIANS OVER COMING WEEKS.

2. BARTELS SAID THERE HAD BEEN VARIOUS RUMORS RE GROMYKO'S LATEST TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST. FROM US VIEWPOINT, ASKED BARTELS, HAD HE BEEN COOPERATIVE OR MISCHIEVOUS? SISCO REPLIED IT DIFFICULT TO SAY NOW, BUT WE SHOULD HAVE CLEARER IDEA UPON SECRETARY'S RETURN FROM MOSCOW.

3. BARTELS ASKED IF WE HAD ANY WORD ON LIFTING OF OIL EMBARGO. THERE WERE REPORTS THAT EMBARGO WOULD BE LIFTED FOR US, BUT NOT FOR NETHERLANDS AND ALSO THAT DENMARK WOULD FACE RESTRICTIONS. SISCO SAID WE DID NOT HAVE CLEAR-CUT INFORMATION. BARTELS SAID HIS GOVERNMENT MIGHT WANT TO CONSULT ON THIS AND SISCO AGREED TO INFORM DANES AS SOON AS WE HAD CLEAR-CUT INFORMATION.

4. BARTELS SAID US-EC QUARREL HAD, UNFORTUNATELY, CAUSED SOME EXCITEMENT. THE BASIC ISSUE, AS SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD SAID, IS CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE NINE AND THE US. THE DANES UNDERSTAND THAT THE EC'S MARCH 4 INITIATIVE ON EC-ARAB COOPERATION MAY HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE US (IN ITS EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH THE ENERGY CRISIS AND A MIDDLE EAST PEACE SETTLEMENT). BUT, BARTELS CONTINUED, HE BELIEVES THE US HAD "OVERSTATED" ITS VIEWS ON THAT INITIATIVE SINCE CONSULTATIONS WOULD BEGIN AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL AND CONTINUE FOR A CONSIDERABLE TIME. IT WOULD, HE OPINED, BE A VERY LONG AND DRAWN-OUT PROCESS. THE - BASIC IDEA, OF COURSE, WAS FRENCH. THEY HAD PUSHED IT SINCE LAST YEAR AND THE OTHER EIGHT HAD SWALLOWED IT,
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THE UK WITH RESERVATIONS. THE REASON THEY HAD GONE AHEAD WITH IT, HOWEVER, WAS THAT THE WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE HAD PLEASED MOST PARTICIPANTS, BUT NOT THE FRENCH. THIS RAISED A FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION FOR THE EC -- THE EUROPEANS WANT SENSIBLE COOPERATION WITH THE US ON ENERGY AND THE MIDDLE EAST, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, THEY WANT TO MAINTAIN THE COHESION OF THE EC. IT WAS NECESSARY, THEREFORE, TO MOVE SOMEWHAT TOWARD THE FRENCH.

BARTELS SAID HE HOPED THE US WOULD UNDERSTAND THE AMBIGUOUS POSITION OF THE EUROPEANS.

5. SISCO SAID THE QUARREL IS NOT PRIMARILY OVER THE MIDDLE EAST, IT INVOLVED KEY MATTER OF US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS. WE SUPPORT AN EC IDENTITY AS WELL AS EC-ARAB COOPERATION. BUT IT WAS VITAL TO BOTH AMERICANS AND EUROPEANS THAT WE CONSULT EVERY STEP OF THE WAY ON THESE ISSUES. IT IS IN OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS TO CONSULT. SISCO EXPLAINED THAT WE WANT TO DISCUSS THE ISSUES WITHIN THE BROADER FRAMEWORK OF ATLANTIC COOPERATION, ACCEPTING A EUROPEAN IDENTITY WITHIN THAT FRAMEWORK AND NOT IN DISSOCIATION FROM US. THE US WAS NOT TRYING TO BREAK UP THE EC; NOR WERE WE ASKING FOR A VETO OVER EC ACTIONS. BARTELS SAID HE ACCEPTED THESE VIEWS, AS DID HIS GOVERNMENT.

6. BARTELS ASKED SISCO IF HE WOULD CONDUCT THE ICELAND BASE NEGOTIATIONS, AND SISCO SAID NO FINAL DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN. BARTELS THEN LED CONVERSATION ON CIRCUITOUS ROUTE TO QUESTION OF DANISH REQUEST FOR AN INCREASE IN ATLANTIC SALMON QUOTA. BARTELS STRESSED DESIRE OF GREENLANDERS TO INCREASE SALMON QUOTA AND SAID CONTINUED TROUBLE-FREE OPERATION OF US BASES IN GREENLAND COULD BECOME DELICATE POLITICAL ISSUE. BARTELS CONCLUDED BY SAYING HE HOPED HE COULD RAISE ISSUE, SHOULD THE NEED ARISE, AT SOME LATER DATE WITH THE UNDER SECRETARY AND GO INTO MATTER IN MORE DETAIL. SISCO AGREED. KISSINGER

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